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¶1. (U) POLOFF delivered Reftel talking points on "Opposing UNGA Resolutions with Anti-Israel Bias" to Ambassador Pedro Blandino, Assistant Secretary for International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In his reply, Blandino did not directly address how the Dominican Republic would vote on the resolutions. However, Blandino commented that the Dominican-Israeli relationship is a strong one, and that the Dominicans have an embassy in Tel Aviv.

¶2. (SBU) Blandino added that, during the Dominican Republic's recent unsuccessful attempt to win a seat on the Security Council, some quarters within the Ministry had advocated that the Dominicans establish diplomatic relations with the Palestinian Authority. Blandino derided this suggestion as "crazy," and said that the idea had gone nowhere.

¶3. (U) We will report any subsequent Dominican response.

(U) This report and additional information can be found on Post's SIPRNET site,
<http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/wha/santodomingo/>
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